

the Base Quantity of Imports, in March 1990. The Commission uses official statistics of the U.S. Department of Energy to make these determinations as well as the PIERS database of the Journal of Commerce, which is based on U.S. export declarations.

Section 225 of the Customs and Trade Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-382, August 20, 1990) amended the original language set forth in the Steel Trade Liberalization Program Implementation Act of 1989. The amendment requires the Commission to make a determination of the U.S. domestic market for fuel ethyl alcohol for each year after 1989.

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Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-861 (Final)]

Certain Expandable Polystyrene Resins From Indonesia

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is not materially injured or threatened with material injury and the establishment of an industry in the United States is not materially retarded, by reason of imports from Indonesia of certain expandable polystyrene resins, provided for in subheading 3903.11.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective November 22, 1999, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and the Department of Commerce by BASF Corp., Mount Olive, NJ; Huntsman Expandable Polymers Co. LC, Salt Lake City, UT; NOVA Chemicals, Inc., Moon Township, PA; and StyroChem U.S., Ltd., Radnor, PA. The final phase of the

investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by the Department of Commerce that imports of certain expandable polystyrene resins from Indonesia were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of August 9, 2000 (65 FR 48731, August 9, 2000). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on November 7, 2000, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this review to the Secretary of Commerce on December 20, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3377 (December 2000), entitled Certain Expandable Polystyrene Resins from Indonesia: Investigation No. 730-TA-861 (Final).

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-72]

Extruded Rubber Thread

Determination

On the basis of the information in the investigation, the Commission determines, pursuant to section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, that extruded rubber thread¹ is not being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury or the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry

¹ For purposes of this investigation, extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread, obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm (which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge) to 1.42 mm (which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge) in diameter. Such extruded rubber thread is classified in heading 4007.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Although the HTS category is provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Background

Following receipt of a properly filed petition on June 5, 2000, by counsel on behalf of North American Rubber Thread, Fall River, MA, the Commission instituted investigation No. TA-201-72, Extruded Rubber Thread, under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether extruded rubber thread is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of public hearings to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of June 22, 2000 (65 FR 38856). The hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on September 6, 2000, in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the President on December 4, 2000. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3375, December 2000, entitled Extruded Rubber Thread (Inv. No. TA-201-72).

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Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-423]

The Effects of EU Policies on the Competitive Position of the U.S. and EU Horticultural Products Sectors

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 2000.

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¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).